



# ALLEGANY COUNTY, MARYLAND CORONAVIRUS JOINT INFORMATION CENTER

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### ALLEGANY COVID CASE RATE STILL MORE THAN DOUBLE STATE AVERAGE WHILE VACCINATION RATES REMAIN LOW

CUMBERLAND, MD – The COVID-19 case rate in Allegany County is still more than two-and-a-half times the Maryland average, while the vaccination rate in the county remains one of the lowest in the state. As of October 17, Allegany’s case rate was 38.14 cases per 100,000 people, while the average statewide was 14.74 cases per 100,000. This is due in large part to the fact that only 46% of Allegany County residents are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, compared to the Maryland state average of 65.6%.

Free COVID-19 vaccines are available locally at pharmacies, urgent care clinics, pediatric offices, and some primary care providers. Allegany County Health Department continues to offer COVID-19 vaccines on Wednesdays at the Willowbrook Office Complex, 12501 Willowbrook Road, Cumberland. Vaccinations are free and no appointment is needed. From 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson COVID vaccines are offered. From 1 to 4:00 p.m., Pfizer vaccines are offered for those age 12 and older, including booster doses for eligible adults. Anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Free drive-thru COVID testing continues at the Allegany County Fairgrounds on Mondays from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can pre-register for testing by going to [health.maryland.gov/allegany](https://health.maryland.gov/allegany) and clicking on the testing pre-registration link under “COVID-19 Information” on the right side of the page.

### Allegany County COVID-19 Case Statistics as of October 17:

- New COVID Cases: 64 (*cumulative total 9,561*)
- Additional Deaths: 0 (*cumulative total 242*)
- Cases Per 100,000 Population: 38.14 (*Maryland: 14.74*)
- Positivity Rate: 8.98% (*Maryland: 3.5%*)

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